

WIND ON THE WIRES: Responses to Questions posted to Michigan Energy Forum Website

39. Over what lifecycle are renewable energy projects in Michigan economically evaluated?

“For renewable energy, the levelized costs of all Detroit Edison and Consumers Energy contracts approved by the Commission (with the exception of the solar pilot programs) were weighted by the generation anticipated over the term of the contract. For Company-owned projects, the present value of the generation based on a 25-year life was used.” (Michigan PSC, *Report on the Implementation of the PA 295 Renewable Energy Standard and the Cost-Effectiveness of the energy Standards* at 28 (2/12/2013)). This format seems appropriate for wind energy projects.

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